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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC, DM, US
BBJ: COMMERCIAL PROBLEMS IN BENIN: DEPARTURE OF LEONARD R.
    BENNETT

1. LEONARD R. BENNETT, AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS
ARRANGED
PRIORITY BERTHING FOR SEVERAL FIRMS SHIPPING MATERIAL THROUGH
COTONOU, HAS FACED DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY A NIGERIAN RIVAL
WHO HAS APPARENTLY SABOTAGED SOME OF BENNETT'S BUSINESS DEALINGS
IN BENIN THROUGH JUDICIOUSLY PLACED INDUCEMENTS. IN LATE
DECEMBER, NIGERIAN WAS ABLE TO HAVE BENNETT INCARCERATED FOR
TWO DAYS WITHOUT CHARGES BEING PREFERRED. EMBASSY AND BENNETT'S
LAWYER ABLE TO SECURE HIS RELEASE. GOVERNMENT APOLOGIZED FOR
PREVIOUS ARREST AS "ERROR".

2. FOR LOME: RATHER THAN BECOME VICTIM OF ANOTHER "ERROR"
--A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY GIVEN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS -- BENNETT
HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE BENIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR TOGO,
ARRIVING AFTERNOON JAN 17.
BENNETT WILL CONTACT EMBASSY LOME AND EXPLAIN DETAILS OF
SITUATION. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING HIS ARRIVAL IN
LOME.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST YOU CONTACT MRS. BENNETT IN
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, TO INFORM HER OF HUSBAND'S WHEREABOUTS
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(HE LEFT BY LAND SINCE DEPARTING DELEGATIONS WILL USE ALL
AIRPLANE SPACE). MRS. BENNETT CAN BE REACHED AT FOLLOWING
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: 203-322-2318 OR 203-329-0408. WE WILL PROVIDE
FULL DETAILS OF BENNETT SAGA SEPTEL. THOMPSON

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